

(c) World Bank and Power Finance Corporation (PFC) have funded Renovation, Modernisation and Upgrading (RM and U) of Sharavathi Unit-1 to 8 (8x89.1 MW) and Sharavathi Unit-9 and 10 (2x89.1 MW) respectively. Karnataka Electricity Board has funded Renovation and Modernisation (R and M) for Shivasamudram (6x3 MW + 4x6 MW).

R and M of Shivasamudram project has already been completed. RM and U of Unit - 1,2,4,8,9 and 10 of Sharavathi has been completed. For Units, 3,4,5 and 7 Renovation and Upgrading has been completed and works relating to modernisation is in progress.

[Translation]

Rural Management Institute

2771. SHRI KACHRU BHAI RAUT : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Rural Management Institutes have been set up in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the names of the districts where they have been set up and the functions of the said institutes; and

(c) the criteria for selection of districts for setting up Rural Management Institutes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

[English]

Modernisation of Power Projects by PFC and CEA

2772. SHRI ANANTH KUMAR : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Power Finance Corporation and CEA have taken up a Crash Programme to help State Electricity Boards for upgrading capacities of the old power plants by suitable renovation and modernisation;

(b) if so, the total number of power plants which need renovation/modernisation, State-wise;

(c) whether feasibility studies for the purpose have been completed;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the action plan worked out for the current year and the target set for each State in general and Karnataka in particular; and

(f) the names of contractors who have been entrusted feasibility studies, plant-wise and financial support/incentives proposed to be provided to SEBs under the Programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) to (f) Power Finance Corporation has not taken up any crash programme for upgrading capacities of old power plants of State Electricity Boards. However, it is supporting the on-going R and M Phase-II programme formulated by the Central Electricity Authority being implemented by the SEB/State Governments during the 8th Plan period. This programme covers 44 power stations of the various power utilities. In order to extend the life of the old power stations which have served 20-30 years life by another 15-20 years, the Power Finance Corporation has also decided to provide financial assistance for carrying out life extension studies at concessional rates.

IOC Refinery

2773. SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether any scheme is under consideration of the Government for the expansion of the IOC refinery located in Mathura, U.P.;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time likely to be taken by the Government for providing clearance to the above scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Unemployed Youth in Rural Areas

2774. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the estimated number of unemployed in rural areas for whom the Ministry of Rural Development has been working out strategies for employment;

(b) the number of jobs generated during the current financial year;

(c) the amount allocated for the creation of such jobs;

(d) whether these programmes include employment creation for the educated rural unemployed; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA) : (a) The number of unemployed as estimated by NSSO in its 50th round